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Applicant : Michael Y. Zhang

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**AMENDMENT**

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This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of August 15, 2006, the response for which is due November 15, 2006. Please amend and reconsider the above-referenced application.

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